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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) initiated its consideration of the revision of the "Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part II: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on national communications" (hereinafter referred to as the reporting guidelines on national communications).

2. The SBI took note of the views submitted by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties)[1] in response to the invitation of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its seventeenth session[2] on their experience with preparing their first biennial reports.

3. It recognized that, in the submissions made so far, Parties identified inconsistencies between the reporting guidelines on national communications and the "UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties"[3] and indicated where the reporting guidelines on national communications need to be updated.

4. Recalling the invitation of the COP referred to in paragraph 2 above, the SBI invited Annex I Parties that have not yet done so to submit their views on their experience with preparing their first biennial reports to the secretariat by 20 August 2014, recognizing that more information will be needed to complete the revision of the reporting guidelines on national communications.

[1] Available at <www.unfccc.int/5900>.
[2] Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 17.
[3] Decision 2/CP.17, annex I.

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5. The SBI acknowledged that, owing to the scope of the call for the submissions referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the submissions do not necessarily cover all of the types of information reported in national communications.

6. To further inform Parties in the preparation for the revision of the reporting guidelines on national communications, the SBI invited Parties to submit their views on the reporting guidelines on national communications to the secretariat by 20 August 2014.

7. It recalled the request made by the COP[4] for the SBI to work on the revision of the reporting guidelines on national communications with a view to the revised guidelines being adopted at COP 20 (December 2014).

8. The SBI noted that, should Parties require additional time beyond SBI 41 (December 2014) to complete the work referred to in paragraph 7 above, events such as workshops for the continuation of that work will be considered at SBI 41.

9. The SBI requested the secretariat to include a synthesis of the views of Parties referred to in paragraphs 4 and 6 above in the technical paper referred to in paragraph 20 of decision 2/CP.17. The technical paper should facilitate consideration at SBI 41 of the revision of the reporting guidelines on national communications and should also highlight the issues referred to in paragraph 3 above.

10. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 9 above. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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[4] Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 18.